

# TOWN OF PELZER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

## MINUTES

APRIL 13, 2021

**COUNCIL PRESENT** – WILL RAGLAND, MIKE MATHEWS, EDDIE WAITS, SKIP GOLDSMITH, ALISHA TUTTLE

**STAFF PRESENT** – TOWN OF PELZER CLERK – CHERYL BOUDREAU -MARK VICKERY – MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR

**TOWN ATTORNEY** – RICHARD THOMPSON

**PRESS** – DAVID MEADE

**CALL TO ORDER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – MAYOR RAGLAND**

**INVOCATION/PRAYER** – SKIP GOLDSMITH

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**COMMENTS**

DONNA IDE – WOULD LIKE AN UPDATE ON THE COMMUNITY BUILDING, QUESTIONED THE LOSS IN HOSPITALITY TAX DUE TO FOOD LION.

JUSTINA LAROCQUE – ADDRESSED MAYOR, COUNCIL AND RESIDENTS REGARDING THE NOISE ON LEBBY STREET, AND IT NOT BEING A VERY NEIGHBORLY THING TO DO OR TO ENDURE.

LINDA FORD – AC UNIT FROM WREN, WHAT HAPPENED TO US GETTING THAT FOR THE GYM, WOULD LIKE TO HAVE COUNCIL ORGANIZE A BULK TRASH PICKUP, EMERGENCY SIGN THIS WAS MENTIONED BEFORE WOULD LIKE FOR THE COUNCIL TO ADDRESS THE COMMENTS AT THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING AS OLD BUSINESS.

SHANE SMITH – ADDRESSED THE GOLF CART CREW/LIGHT PEOPLE AND NOISE COMPLAINTS RECEIVED AND STATED THAT THEY ARE DOING THING FOR THE COMMUNITY.

DONNA SHIRLEY-SMITH – STATED THAT SHE WAS GOING TO REITERATE WHAT SHANE HAD JUST SAID “THEY HAVE DONE THINGS FOR THE TOWN, INSTEAD OF COMPLAINING THAT THEY WOULD WELCOME OTHERS TO JOIN IN OR KEEP THEIR MOUTHS SHUT”.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – SKIP GOLDSMITH MADE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup> COUNCIL MEETING, ALISHA TUTTLE 2<sup>ND</sup> THE MOTION, ALL IN FAVOR.

**CLERK’S REPORT**

A. CHERYL BOUDREAU ADVISED THAT THERE WERE 43 WORK ORDERS DONE IN MARCH – 19 WERE MISCELLANEOUS, 12 WERE TO CONNECT SERVICE AND 12 WERE TO DISCONNECT. **POLICE COVERAGE** – 81 TRAFFIC STOPS – 59 CONTACTS – 32 CALLS FOR SERVICE AND 16 ARREST FOR MONTH OF MARCH.

B. GREENE FINNEY – TOWN WAS NOT PROVIDED WITH THE MONTHLY REPORT

C. LEE BLACKWELL & BRIAN BELL – WEST PELZER FIRE DEPARTMENT MADE A PRESENTATION ADVISING THE COUNCIL AND RESIDENTS THAT THEY ARE 100% VOLUNTEERS, AND THEY ARE HAVING TO DO FUNDRAISERS TO RAISE MONEY FOR UPGRADED EQUIPMENT. THE TRUCKS, EQUIPMENT AND INSURANCE IS VERY COSTLY FOR 655 FIREFIGHTERS THROUGHOUT ANDERSON COUNTY. ON MAY 18<sup>TH</sup> THERE WILL BE A VOTE ON A REFERENDUM TO INCREASE THE MILAGE RATE TO 10 MIL FOR THE FIREFIGHTERS, GAVE AN EXAMPLE OF A \$100,000 HOME IT WOULD COST \$16.00 A YEAR.

**OLD BUSINESS**

A. 2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE NO 2021-003 – “ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF THE CELL TOWER”. MAYOR RAGLAND MADE MOTION TO ACCEPT, SKIP GOLDSMITH 2<sup>ND</sup> THE MOTION. EDDIE WAITS FEELS IT’S A MISTAKE TO SELL THE TOWER, WE NEED TO BE LOOKING OUT FOR OUR FUTURE GENERATIONS. ALISHA TUTTLE AGREED WITH EDDIE WAITS ABOUT LOOKING OUT FOR OUR FUTURE AND THE TOWN ALSO NEEDS TO BE 100% TRANSPARENCY WITH THE FUNDS. MAYOR RAGLAND, SKIP GOLDSMITH & ALISHA TUTTLE WERE IN FAVOR, EDDIE WAITS & MIKE MATHEWS OPPOSED THE MOTION TO SELL. ORDINANCE NO. 2021-003 PASSED WITH 3 – 2 VOTES.

B. 2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2021-003.001 – “ORDINANCE TO ADOPT UNIFORM BUILDING CODES”. MAYOR RAGLAND MADE MOTION TO ACCEPT THIS ORDINANCE SO WE CAN PROCEED WITH THE NEW DEVELOPMENT FOR THE TOWN, ALISHA TUTTLE 2<sup>ND</sup> THE MOTION. EDDIE WAITS QUESTIONED WHAT CODES ARE THEY, MAYOR RAGLAND GAVE A BRIEF EXPLANATION. ALL IN FAVOR.

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

A. GRADING – MAYOR RAGLAND ADVISED THAT HE RECEIVED 4 QUOTES FOR THIS PROJECT, AND THE LOWEST QUOTE IS FOR \$3,000.00 FROM DANIEL BAGWELL. MAYOR RAGLAND MADE MOTION TO ACCEPT THIS QUOTE, SKIP GOLDSMITH 2<sup>ND</sup> THE MOTION ALL IN FAVOR. (MONIES TO COME FROM THE COMMUNITY BUILDING BANK ACCOUNT)

B. TREE WORK – MONKEY PARK – MAYOR RAGLAND ADVISED THAT HE RECEIVED 4 QUOTES FOR THIS PROJECT AS WELL AND THE LOWEST QUOTE IS FOR \$22,000.00 FROM POSEY & SONS TREE SERVICE AND TO MOVE \$11,913.76 FROM BALL FIELD LIGHTING AND \$10,086.24 FROM COMMUNITY BUILDING RENOVATION LINE ITEMS IN THE CURRENT BUDGET. MAYOR RAGLAND MADE MOTION TO ACCEPT THIS QUOTE AND MOVE MONEY TO COVER THIS PROJECT, ALISHA TUTTLE 2<sup>ND</sup> THE MOTION, ALL IN FAVOR.

C. FENCING – MONKEY PARK – MAYOR RAGLAND ADVISED THAT HE HAS RECEIVED 4 QUOTES FOR THIS PROJECT, WITH THE LOWEST COMING IN AT \$9,715.00 FROM SEEGARS FENCE COMPANY, WE WOULD NEED TO MOVE THE MONEY FROM ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN FOR COMMUNITY BUILDING IN CURRENT BUDGET TO DO THIS PROJECT. MAYOR RAGLAND MADE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BID AND MOVE THE MONEY, ALISHA TUTTLE 2<sup>ND</sup> THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR.

D. METAL ROOF – PICNIC SHELTER – MONKEY PARK – MAYOR RAGLAND ADVISED THAT HE RECEIVED 4 QUOTES FOR THIS PROJECT, WITH THE LOWEST COMING IN AT \$4,450.00 FROM ANDERSON METAL & SUPPLY, THE MONEY FOR THIS PROJECT IS IN THE RECREATION ACCOUNT. MAYOR RAGLAND MADE THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE QUOTE FOR \$4,450.00 FROM ANDERSON METAL & SUPPLY, SKIP GOLDSMITH 2<sup>ND</sup> THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR. MAYOR RAGLAND STATED THAT HE WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR GETTING IN TOUCH WITH THE COMPANIES AND SCHEDULE THE WORK.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **REQUEST BY COUNCIL**

EDDIE WAITS MADE MENTION THAT HE HAS RECEIVED CALLS REGARDING THE BILL HOPKINS SIGN AT THE BALLFIELDS, AND STATED THAT WE HAD TO REMOVE IT DUE TO GRAFFITI AND DAMAGE THAT HAS OCCURRED TO IT. HE ALSO WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AN EXPLANATION OF THE BIDDING PROCESS, MAYOR RAGLAND GAVE HIS EXPLANATION.

MAYOR RAGLAND EXPRESSED HIS AVAILABILITY TO SPEAK WITH ANYONE AT ANYTIME ABOUT ANY ISSUES, THAT THERE WAS NO NEED TO WAIT FOR A COUNCIL MEETING.

EDDIE WAITS ADVISED THE RESIDENTS THAT IF THEY HAVE AN ISSUE WITH THE TRASH NOT BEING PICKED UP THE BEST THING FOR THEM TO DO IT TO CALL THE OFFICE AND LET CHERYL KNOW, OR LEAVE HER A MESSAGE IF SHE IS UNAVAILABLE, SEEMS SHE IS THE ONE WHO HAS CONTACT WITH THEM IT WILL BE MUCH MORE EFFICIENT IF THIS WAS DONE WHENEVER THERE WAS A PROBLEM.

**MAYOR RAGLAND MADE MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:55 PM, SKIP GOLDSMITH 2<sup>ND</sup> THE MOTION WITH ALL IN FAVOR.**